

House Resolution

No. 25

Introduced by Assembly Member Coto

February 10, 2010

House Resolution No. 25—Relative to National Problem Gambling Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, The National Council on Problem Gambling has
2 designated the week of March 7 to March 13, 2010, inclusive, as
3 National Problem Gambling Awareness Week; and

4 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Gambling Control within the
5 Department of Justice, the California Gambling Control
6 Commission, the California Horse Racing Board, the California
7 State Lottery, California cardrooms, and California tribal casinos
8 have joined the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling
9 within the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and
10 the California Council on Problem Gambling in a concerted effort
11 to promote prevention, education, awareness, and treatment of
12 problem gambling; and

13 WHEREAS, There is a statewide effort to educate the public
14 about the issue of problem gambling; and

15 WHEREAS, Problem gambling is a public health issue affecting
16 Californians of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all
17 communities and has a significant societal and economic cost; and

18 WHEREAS, Treatment for problem gambling is effective and
19 minimizes the harm done by problem gambling to individuals and
20 to society as a whole; and

21 WHEREAS, Numerous individuals, professionals, and
22 organizations have coordinated their efforts to better educate the

1 public about problem gambling and the availability and
2 effectiveness of treatments; and

3 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Gambling Control within the
4 Department of Justice, the California Gambling Control
5 Commission, the California Horse Racing Board, the California
6 State Lottery, California cardrooms, and California tribal casinos
7 have joined the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling
8 within the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and
9 the California Council on Problem Gambling in inviting all
10 residents of the state to participate in National Problem Gambling
11 Awareness Week; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
13 week of March 7 to March 13, 2010, inclusive, be recognized as
14 National Problem Gambling Awareness Week and the agencies
15 and organizations described above be commended for their
16 concerted effort to raise public awareness of problem gambling;
17 and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the author for distribution.